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SUBJECT: CHILEAN POSITION ON ZIONISM RESOLUTION

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1. GOC'S OFFICIAL "EL CRONISTA" OCTOBER 26 CARRIES BRIEF UNSIGNED ITEM ON "OPINION" (EDITORIAL) PAE ON ZIONISM RESOLUTION; ARTICLE NOTES CONTINUED CHILEAN SUPPORT FOR EXISTENCE OF STATE OF ISRAEL, DRAWS DISTINCTION BETWEEN CONCEPT OF ZIONISM AND RACISM, AND ARGUES THAT ON ALL INTERNATIONAL QUESTIONS CHILE WILL VOTE ITS OWN POSITION AS A SOVEREIGN NATION "WHETHER OR NOT IT PLEASES THE UNITED STATES."

2. FINAL PARAGRAPH, HOWEVER, CONCLUDES: "BUT IT IS ONE THING TO SUPPORT A COMMITTEE STUDY AND ANOTHER TO VOTE DEFINITELY IN FAVOR OF ANY SPECIFIC ITEM. THIS PROPOSAL (ZIONISM RESOLUTION) MUST BE THE OBJECT OF CAREFUL ANALYSIS SINCE ITS SUBSTANCE COULD DO HARM TO A BASIC PRINCIPLE - THE EXISTENCE OF THE STATE OF ISRAEL."

3. COMMENT: THIS IS FIRST EDITORIAL COMMENT WE HAVE
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SEEN IN CHILEAN PRESS ON SUBSTANCE OF RESOLUTION, AND

IT MAY BE SIGNIFICANT THAT IT APPEARED IN OFFICIAL GOC
NEWSPAPER. WE NOTED IN REFTTEL THAT GOC MIGHT BE
AMENABLE TO BEING HELPFUL IN SUCH AREAS AS PROCEDURAL
VOTING. "CRONISTA" ARTICLE SEEMS TO LEAVE THE DOOR
SLIGHTLY AJAR ON THIS ISSUE AND AT LEAST RAISES
POSSIBILITY OF GOC VOTE CHANGE DURING PLENARY CON-
SIDERATION OF ZIONISM RESOLUTION.
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